REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Advisory Action mailed 14 June 2005, the Examiner has shown reluctance to accept the Applicant's argument that Matsunoshita does not teach reading digital image data. Specifically, the Examiner has argued that a bar code is digital image data, and thus reading of the bar code represents reading of the digital image data.

In light of the Examiner's position on this matter, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to limit what the digital image data is and how the digital image data is used. The claim now recites explicitly that the ink jet printer reproduces the photographic image from the decoded digital image data.

As has been argued previously, Matsunoshita merely teaches that the bar code includes copyright information, and therefore decoding of the bar code can not lead to reproducing the photographic image.
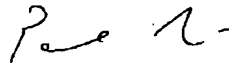
Applicant considers that this amendment overcomes the issue raised in the Advisory Action such that the present claims are novel and inventive over the cited prior art. Applicant further submits that this response satisfies the requirements of a submission under the RCE provisions. Continued examination of this application is therefore respectfully requested.
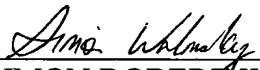
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